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SPRING AND BOTTLING HOUSE



Poland Spring

Views and a brief description of
The Poland Spring House, The Mansion House and Baths
The Riccar Inn, The Spring and Bottling Works
and other points of interest

HIRAM RICKER AND SONS, INC.
SOUTH POLAND, MAINE

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THE FIRST AËROPLANE TO ARRIVE AT POLAND SPRING

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HISTORICAL

THE POLAND SPRING HOUSE is situated on the old homestead estate of Wentworth Ricker, in the heart of one of the loveliest regions of Maine and New England. It was in 1794 that Jabez Ricker with his four sons and six daughters arrived and settled in a small house on the land south of the present Mansion House.

In 1795 the building comprising the northwest corner of the present Mansion House was commenced. This building was first occupied in 1796, and during the following year was finished as an Inn and a sign-post erected at the northwest corner with a sign bearing the words: "WENTWORTH RICKER, 1797." It is recorded that the morning following their arrival, and when there was no regular highway in these parts, two men passing through the country called for meals. Since that day, during a period touching three centuries, these doors have never been closed to the coming guest. It is also worthy of note that the Wentworth Ricker Inn was one

of the first to offer "entertainment for man and beast" on the post highway from Portland to Montreal.

The original Mansion House was opened by Wentworth Ricker, the grandfather of the present proprietors, Hiram Ricker & Sons, Jabez Ricker having previously settled all his sons on properties, practically all of which have since been taken into the present estate, which originally contained about 300 acres; and there are now 5,000 acres in the Poland Spring Estate.

Nearly one hundred and twenty years of hotel-keeping have evolved the Mansion House and Poland Spring House, and developed the Estate; and The Riccar Inn at Poland Spring, first opened in 1913, derives its name from George and Maturin Riccar, the founders of the Ricker family in America. Side by side with the growth of Poland Spring as a famous summer and winter resort, has developed also the history of Poland Spring itself, and Poland Water has become famous throughout the civilized world.



POLAND SPRING HOUSE AND GROUNDS FROM ACROSS THE LAKE



PRESIDENTIAL RANGE, FROM POLAND SPRING HOUSE TOWER, LOOKING BEYOND GROUNDS AND LAKE

POLAND SPRING

The Leading Resort in New England—Known the World Over



F THE WORLD'S notable places, many are so alike as to be uninteresting. Only the discriminating know the places that are *different*, and to these Poland Spring has a special appeal.

As a well-known writer has said of Poland Spring's location: "The terraced foothills, the fertile farms that incline along their slope, the little villages tucked away here and there in the distance, the chain of lakes gleaming through the trees, and the shimmering peaks of the New Hampshire mountains known as the Presidential Range, help to make up the picture. While it varies greatly in sunshine and in storm, it is supremely beautiful

at dawn or sunset. I have seen sunsets here which I never can forget, and I am sure that no one who has ever passed a summer at Poland Spring fails to carry away indelible memories of the unique beauty of its surroundings."

What can one do at Poland Spring? The photographs reproduced in this booklet will perhaps give the best idea; and the visitor finds that Poland Spring offers more amusement and entertainment for young and old than any other resort in America. From the wealth of material available it has been hard to determine what to show or to omit.

Poland Spring is about eight hundred feet above sea level; twenty-six miles north of Portland, Maine, and about five miles via the Poland Spring Automobile Stage Line from Danville Junction station of the Maine Central



POLAND SPRING HOUSE OFFICE



OFFICE FROM LADIES' WRITING ROOM



THE MUSIC ROOM



A FANCY-DRESS BALL

Railroad. The facilities for reaching Poland Spring from New York, Boston, and other centres are unexcelled, as will be seen by reference to the last page of this booklet, outlining the train schedule and the parlor-, dining-, and sleeping-car service.

The Poland Spring property of five thousand acres is of diversified character, and a small army of workers is employed in its upkeep. The scientific drainage,



SOUTHWEST FRONT OF POLAND SPRING HOUSE LOOKING FROM AND TOWARD GROVE



the electric-lighting system, and the water supply and fire protection have attained the perfection possible only through unrestricted study and expense. The well-planned system of water towers, hydrants, and sprinklers, and the system of brick fire walls, afford the utmost protection, and it may be added that the Poland Spring House was the first resort hotel in the country to be equipped with the automatic sprinkler system.



THE PUTTING GREEN, AND ONE OF THE PICTURESQUE "HOLES"

THE links at Poland Spring — an eighteen-hole course — rank with the best in the country. For sixteen years they have been under the personal charge of Mr. A. H. Fenn, one of our best-known professionals, and their superb condition is well known. The unusual sightliness of the course, together with the fact that it starts and ends at the doors of the hotels, adds still further to its value. Tournaments are frequent, and at times



THE SPORTSMAN'S FAVORITE HAZARD

events of importance to the entire world of golfdom take place among the best-known amateurs. Hiram Ricker & Sons were among the first in the country to establish a golf course in connection with the hotel for the use of its guests.

The tennis facilities at Poland Spring have kept pace with the increasing popularity of the game, and the courts are the best that can be built, and are maintained in first-class condition.



ENTERING THE GROUNDS



OFF FOR A FEW HOURS' PLEASURE

RIDING, too, is a feature that has had much attention, and an excellent string of saddle horses, and a riding master from the staff of the Durland Academy of New York, are available during the season.

Poland Spring has always been noted for its livery and automobile service. With the many good roads now interlacing the surrounding country, there is no lack of either interest or variety wherever one desires to drive. There is also a well-equipped stable for private equipages. Motorists will find available a shop for repairs and supplies, and garage facilities for the care of automobiles. The accommodations for chauffeurs are the best in the country. Poland Spring is on the Ideal Tour.

Of the many lakes and ponds about Poland Spring, the nearest of importance are the three Range Lakes encircling the western foot of Ricker Hill, less than a mile



CAMPBELL'S LANDING ON WALK ROUND MIDDLE LAKE



MAINE STATE BUILDING — THE LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY

from either hotel. These are well-stocked with bass, toque, and other game fish, and have for years been a favorite resort with the followers of Izaak Walton. Within a few miles are other noted waters: Lake Auburn, Thompson's Pond, Sabbath Day Lake, etc., and if a guest should desire to visit the Rangeleys, which are within easy distance, arrangements may be made to occupy the Poland Spring Camp on Mooselkmeguntic for short periods.

The long sand beach at Middle Range Lake is a constant delight to children. There is every opportunity for boating and swimming, and a modern bathing pavilion, with instructors and boatmen, will be found at Middle Lake. Occasional aquatic tournaments lend additional interest and attract many to its beautiful shore.

The music at Poland Spring has always been a distinctive feature, and will continue to be of the high order maintained in the past. Supplementing this, on occasion, will be special music for the indoor and outdoor dances and entertainments. The regular concerts, balls and entertainments, because of the better facilities, are held in the Music Hall of the Poland Spring House, but are intended equally for the guests of the Mansion House. A teacher of the newer dances will be in attendance during the season.

A notable feature of Poland Spring is the "Maine State Building" — the official building of the State of Maine at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, when Poland Water received the Grand Prize. At the close of the Exposition this building was purchased, taken down, shipped in a special train from Chicago, re-erected at Poland Spring, and dedicated on the Centennial Anniversary of the occupation of this property by the ancestors of the present owners. This building houses the annual Exhibit of representative American artists, in addition to



READING ROOM, WITH GLIMPSE OF ART GALLERY



ON THE WALK TO THE LAKE

the growing permanent exhibition of the owners, and the library of over six thousand volumes of modern, classical and historical literature; while the reading room is provided with the more important periodicals, under the charge of a competent librarian.

All Souls' Chapel — erected through the co-operation during many years of proprietors and guests, by direct contributions, and the proceeds of an annual fair for the purpose — is adjacent to the Poland Spring House, and on Sundays this expensive and beautiful edifice is the scene of services of various religious denominations for all who desire to attend.

The morning and evening concerts are a distinctive feature of entertainment at Poland. These concerts, as well as the special musicales, hops, theatricals, lectures, etc., which occur frequently during the season, are, because of better facilities, held in the Music Hall of the Poland Spring House, but are intended equally for the guests of the Mansion House.

Each day at Poland Spring has its own peculiar charm, and to this partial list of things one does at Poland Spring may be added the enjoyment afforded by the beautiful park and countryside, rich in flora; the many well-laid walks and woodland paths, the pine grove facing the sunset and overlooking the distant White Mountains, the beautiful and comfortable appointments, the congenial social life, the noted cuisine, and the unremitting attention given personally by the proprietors to every detail of the service.

The outdoor pleasures of Poland Spring in winter may be partly realized by examining the photographs of some winter events reproduced on later pages, and a special illustrated winter booklet with additional information will be gladly furnished on request.



ALL SOULS' CHAPEL, FROM THE STEPS OF MAINE STATE BUILDING



IN POLAND WOODS



ON LAND AND WATER



THE POLAND SPRING HOUSE—ONE OF THE



FAMOUS RESORTS IN THE UNITED STATES



THE first great contributing cause of the international fame of Poland Spring as a resort is the remarkably beneficial qualities of Poland Water. Guests are at all times supplied with Poland Water without charge, and are always deeply interested in a visit to the Spring and in observing the great care, skill, and expense which attends its bottling. In the process of bottling Poland Water, from the source until it is carefully sealed, the water is never exposed even to air, being conducted in glass or silver tubes to the bottles which have been through scientific processes of cleaning and sterilization. The Bottling House is as sanitary and thoroughly protected as science can devise,

yet the entire process can be observed by guests through plate-glass walls and galleries which have been arranged for that purpose. From the Bottling House these packages, so carefully prepared, are shipped to every civilized country in the world. The Spring House itself is of Spanish design, built of mottled brick with Italian Pavonazzo marble interior. The floors are mosaic, and the spring is enclosed in plate glass within a bronze grill. An illustrated descriptive and historical booklet of Poland Spring may be had on request.



FACING SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST, TOWARDS THE GROVE



THE MANSION HOUSE AND BATH DEPARTMENT



ON A WALK THROUGH THE GROUNDS

HISTORICALLY and architecturally the Mansion House is unique among the famous inns of America, and has been in the possession of the Ricker family for three generations, having been opened in 1795 by Wentworth Ricker, the grandfather of the present proprietors.

The original building is still a part of the now greatly enlarged Mansion House, and imparts to it an atmosphere rarely felt in present-day hotels, making it today one of the most delightful and homelike hosteries in America.

Refinement and comfort continue to be outstanding features of life at the Mansion House, and everything has been done to please the eye, enhance the comfort, and provide for the satisfaction of its guests.

There is a Western Union Telegraph Office in the Poland Spring House during the season and Mansion House all the rest of the year, and it will facilitate the delivery of telegrams to us or our guests if sent by that company. There is also a long-distance telephone in each house.

The piazzas and sun parlors, the rambling and cheery foyer with its open fireplace, the beautiful dining room, the chambers and suites, and the service, satisfy the standards of taste and comfort demanded by guests of Poland Spring.

Rooms are available either singly or en suite, and with or without private baths, as desired. Every room is steam heated and electric lighted, and there is elevator service to all floors.

Socially, life at the Mansion House at all seasons is exceptionally happy, and guests enjoy every facility that Poland Spring affords, participating freely in the concerts, entertainments, dances and the social life at the Poland Spring House, and in the tournaments and all outdoor pleasures.



THE MANSION HOUSE AND GROUNDS



ELECTRIC CABINET ROOM



DOUCHE ROOM



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MASSAGE AND PHOTOTHERAPY

FOR centuries Europe led the world in science and medicine, and especially in hydrotherapeutics. Yearly many Americans have gone abroad to the various resorts for treatment.

Of late years, however, medical science in America has had a wonderful development. In the use of electricity as a curative agent America now takes first place. Moreover, the medical profession of this country recognizes and endorses our mineral springs, with Poland Spring Water—known the world over as Poland Water—acknowledged as the leader.

In view of these facts, the baths at Poland Spring were established in the summer of 1914. The Vichy massage douche, general and special massage, Swedish movement and mechanical treatment are given by experienced atten-

dants. In the Hydrotherapeutic Department the very best equipment has been installed for the Nauheim, oxygen, pine, saline, alkaline, sulphur, and other water baths.

The Electrotherapy equipment consists of electric light baths, radio-high frequency apparatus, vacuum electrode treatment, galvanic, faradic, and sinusoidal currents, electric tub baths, electric vibratory, phototherapy, blue light, and other electrical treatment.

Dr. H. H. Roberts, a well-known physician and specialist of many years' experience, is the Medical Director and House Physician, with residence at Poland Spring all the year. Dr. Roberts has made a special study of those conditions which are benefited by treatment at the spas, and has had the best advantages both in this country and abroad. A complete laboratory is connected with the medical department, and the facilities for making thorough examinations and careful diagnosis are the best.



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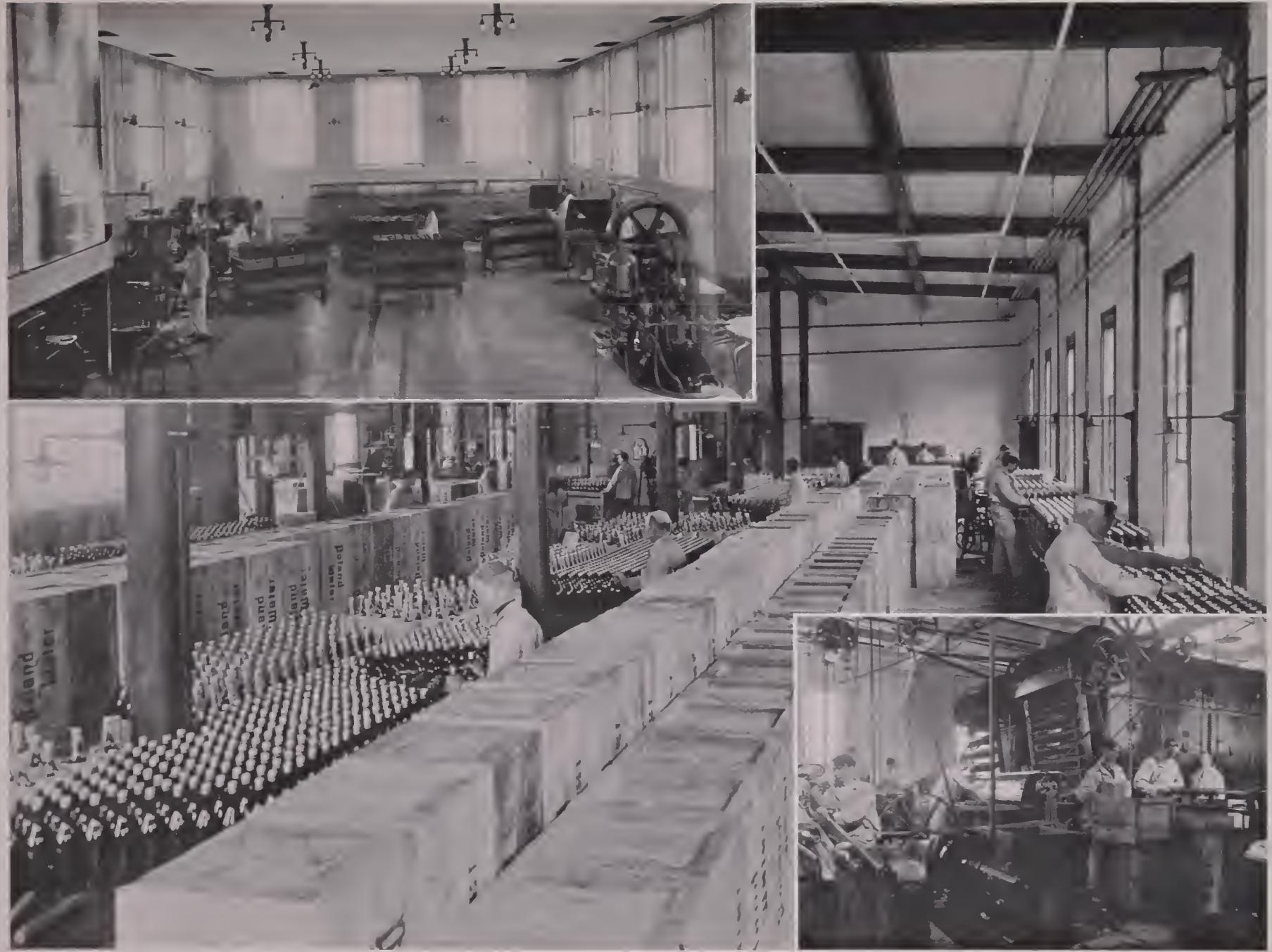
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POLAND SPRING — ENCLOSED IN BRONZE AND PLATE GLASS



THE BEAUTIFUL PAVONAZZO MARBLE INTERIOR OF THE SPRING HOUSE



IN THE BOTTLING PLANT—WASHING, STERILIZING, BOTTLING, AND PACKING



A PART OF THE POLAND SPRING HERD



WINTER AT POLAND SPRING



OLD AND YOUNG ENJOY THE SPORTS



The Mount Kineo House

ON MOOSEHEAD LAKE, MAINE

THE Mount Kineo House at Kineo, Maine, on Moosehead Lake, will open on June 24 for the seventy-second consecutive season since the first house was founded, and will close September 25, 1915. The Annex will open on May 16 for the trout and salmon fishing, and will close its season September 25. Both houses will be conducted by the Ricker Hotel Company. The Mount Kineo House, the Annex,

and cottages have accommodations for about six hundred guests, and both houses are equipped with private bathrooms, steam heat, electricity, telegraph and long-distance telephone connection, and all modern requisites.

For bookings and other information, address C. A. Judkins, Manager, Kineo, Maine; or Ricker Hotel Company, 153 Franklin Street, Boston; or 1180 Broadway, New York City.



The SamOset By the Sea

ROCKLAND BREAKWATER, MAINE

THE SamOset, conducted by the Ricker Hotel Company, will open for its fifteenth season on June 17, and will close September 9. The hotel stands on an eminence seventy-five feet above and one thousand feet back from the shore. Before it stretches beautiful Penobscot Bay, while behind is the stately Camden Range.

It is always cool at the SamOset, and one finds every sort of diversion—music, dancing, golf,



tennis, boating, bathing, driving, riding, and motoring. In addition to the hotel are two well-located cottages, for rent completely furnished during the season. The occupants have free privileges of the SamOset.

The nine-hole golf course is under the direction of a professional. All holes are played in sight of the sea. The SamOset furnishes each season a string of saddle horses from the Durland Riding Academy, New York, with an experienced riding master.

For bookings and information, address the Ricker Hotel Company, 1180 Broadway, New York City; or after June 1, Frank C. Moore, Manager, The SamOset, Rockland, Maine.



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TRANSPORTATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

THE POLAND SPRING HOUSE opens its Forty-first Season June the 1st, Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, closing October the 16th. Western Union Telegraph and Long-Distance Telephone Service in the Hotel.

Through or Round-Trip Tickets to the Poland Spring House and Mansion House may be obtained at all Principal Stations of the following Transportation Companies:

The Big Four (C. C. C. & St. L.)

Michigan Central

New York Central

Boston & Albany

Pennsylvania System

Baltimore & Ohio

Philadelphia & Reading

West Shore (*via* Rotterdam Junction and B. & M. R.R.)

New York, New Haven & Hartford (including the Sound Lines, Fall River and Providence)

Canadian Pacific or Grand Trunk Routes (*via* Thousand Islands, Montreal and the White Mountains)

Maine Steamship Line

Metropolitan Steamship Line

From BOSTON and Points East:
Boston & Maine

Maine Central

Eastern Steamship Corporation (Portland Division)

On all lines above-mentioned baggage may be checked through to Poland Spring House and Mansion House.

SPECIAL SERVICE FROM NEW YORK CITY. *Night Service*—Through sleepers leave Grand Central Station daily, during the summer season, about 7.15 P.M., *via* N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R., to Worcester, *via* New London; B. & M. R.R. *via* Ayer, Lowell and South Lawrence, to Portland, thence *via* Maine Central to Danville Junction, arriving at about 7.10 A.M. Return train leaves Danville Junction daily, at about 8.38 P.M., arriving in New York City about 7.56 A.M.

CAUTION: Owing to the necessity of issuing this information in advance of the time when transportation companies may perfect their summer schedules, we particularly urge that travelers confirm the above statements, either by addressing us or any of the transportation companies involved.

Information may be secured by application to
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POLAND SPRING, SOUTH POLAND, MAINE

OR TO THE POLAND WATER DEPOTS: BOSTON, 153 Franklin Street
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